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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of:

Bogdanovich, Alexander

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Application No: 10/716,959

Examiner: Pierce, J.R.

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For: 3-D Fabrics and Fabric Preforms for Composites Having Integrated Systems, Devices, and/or Networks

RESPONDING TO 10/07/2005 OFFICE COMMUNICATION

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE - RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

In response to the 10/07/2005 Office Communication in the above-identified application requiring a restriction and/or election of a single disclosed invention, wherein the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species associated with a figure(s).

The following election is made, without traverse, for prosecution of the case on the merits: the invention under option I. Claims 1-33 drawn to a preform, classified in class 442, subclass 181. Also, regarding the species listed, Applicant elects the species of 3-D woven fabric, and the system, device, and/or network

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involving sensors (claim 11) and fiber optic sensors within claim 12, noting that that claim also permits combination with other sensors.

Note that the Applicant asserts that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to make a search and office action on the merits for the invention as claimed in the initial application, in particular since the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6, 25, and 34-38 are generic to all claims, including what the examiner has indicated as being separate inventions, those elected and not elected at this time. As such, the Applicant asserts that all claims should be examined on the merits at this time, but nonetheless makes the election without traverse as indicated so that substantive examination on the claims associated with option I. claims 1-33, may proceed accordingly.

If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the allowance of the application, Examiner Pierce is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919)-664-8222 or via email at jinang@trianglepatents.com to discuss the resolution of such issues, in order that prosecution of the application may be advanced and ultimately concluded favorably to the applicant, consistent with the applicant's making of a substantial advance in the art. This response is submitted via fax to USPTO official fax number with extension of time request (2d extension) and payment for same.

Respectfully submitted,

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